



Wednesday September 20 & Thursday September 21

Sunken Secrets

Two nights of shipwrecks, speakers and surprises at the Savannah History Museum Theater. Co-sponsored by the Coastal Heritage Society.

Wednesday, September 20

6:30 p.m.

Gordon Watts, underwater archaeologist for the *CSS Savannah*, Savannah's own shipwreck, speaks on uncovering maritime history in our own backyard.

7:15 p.m.

The film "Still on Her Keel-The Legacy of the Chester Poling"

Using a mix of current footage, brand new interviews, vintage slides, audio and rare 8 mm film, "Still on Her Keel" explores the cycle of change that surrounds Cape Anne's most famous shipwreck, a coastal tanker violently swallowed up by the Atlantic in 1977.

Director Aaron Faulls will be on hand to answer question about his film.

Thursday, September 21

6:30 p.m.

John Broadwater, manager of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Maritime Heritage Program, speaks on preserving the nation's maritime heritage.

7:15 p.m.

The film "The Lost Radeau"

Lake George, New York's 1758 *Land Tortoise* radeau shipwreck, designated a National Historic Landmark in 1998, is featured in this documentary by Pepe Productions and Bateaux Below, Inc., a Wilton, New York not-for-profit educational corporation whose principals found the shipwreck in 1990 during a high-tech side scan sonar survey.

The documentary is written by J.R. Whitesel and Joseph W. Zarzynski and is narrated by Glens Falls, New York radio personality Kip Grant. One of the features of the production is the state-of-the-art animation in the documentary that was created by J.R. Whitesel.

The documentary examines the history, discovery, and archaeological study of a little known, but extremely historic shipwreck, an icon of the French and Indian War (1755-1763). The 52 ft. long x 18 ft. wide *Land Tortoise* was a British and provincial floating gun battery, literally a floating fortress. The unusually shaped seven-sided watercraft was pierced for seven cannons and was deliberately sunk by British forces on October 22, 1758, to prevent the battlecraft from falling into the hands of the French and their Native American allies. The *Land Tortoise* is the only radeau-class shipwreck to have ever been found and studied by underwater archaeologists.